

Remarks

The above-requested amendments to the specification are for clarity and/or to remove extraneous or non-relevant information.

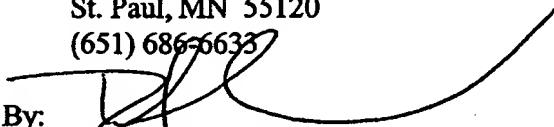
With respect to the specification amendment at the beginning of page 1, Applicant submits that this amendment is being made to clarify a previously-amended relationship to the parent patent applications. See MPEP § 201.11 and 35 § USC 120 ("... shall have the same effect ... as though filed on the date of ... an application similarly entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the first application").

Applicant also notes that the filing receipt is inaccurate and as such, Applicant requests that the filing receipt be corrected in accordance with the patent application relationship reflected in the amended specification at the beginning of page 1."

A favorable response is earnestly requested. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 651/686-6633.

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